

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7 remain active in the application. The claims have been allowed, subject to an objection under 35 U.S.C. §112 to the clarity of the phrase “sequentially from an end toward another and, in an alignment graph for indicating rotation speeds of rotational elements by straight lines.” This phrase has been deleted from the claims. Additionally, the Examiner’s statement of reasons for allowance did not indicate that this phrase was required for the allowability of the claims over the prior art. The rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 is therefore believed to have been overcome and the claims are believed to define over the prior art.

Applicants therefore believe that the present application is a condition for allowance and respectfully solicit an early Notice of Allowability.

Respectfully submitted,

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